

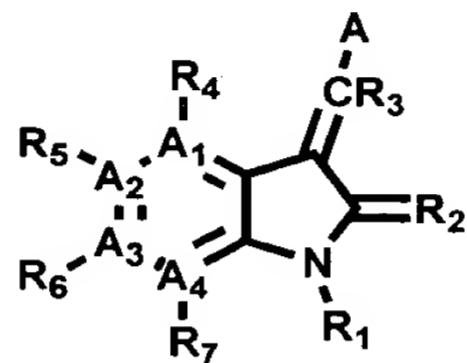
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 7. (Previously cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A compound having the formula VI



(VI)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

- (a) A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub>, and A<sub>4</sub> are carbon;
- (b) R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or alkyl;
- (c) R<sub>2</sub> is oxygen;
- (d) R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen;
- (e) R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, and R<sub>7</sub> are optionally present and are each independently selected from (i) the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, alkaryl, alkaryloxy, halogen, trihalomethyl, S(O)R, SO<sub>2</sub>NRR', SO<sub>3</sub>R, SR, NO<sub>2</sub>, NRR', OH, CN, C(O)R, OC(O)R, NHC(O)R, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R, and CONRR';
- (f) n is 0, 1, 2, or 3;
- (g) R is H, alkyl or aryl;

- (h) R' is H, alkyl or aryl; and
- (i) A is a pyrrole ring, ~~optionally substituted with unsubstituted alkyl at the 3- and 5-positions of the pyrrole ring, and substituted with at one or more positions with~~ alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, alkaryl, alkaryloxy, halogen, trihalomethyl, S(O)R, SO<sub>2</sub>NRR', SO<sub>3</sub>R, SR, NO<sub>2</sub>, NRR', OH, CN, C(O)R, OC(O)R, NHC(O)R, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R or CONRR' ~~at the 4-position of the pyrrole ring.~~

9. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient and a compound according to Claim 8.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)